



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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26 May 2006

NOTICE OF DECISION

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT NUMBER NEV0087061

**Battle Mountain Gold Company
(Newmont Mining Corporation – Operator)
Fortitude/Reona (Phoenix) Project**

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has decided to renew Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV0087061** to **Battle Mountain Gold Company** (Newmont Mining Corporation – Operator). This permit authorizes the construction, operation, and closure of approved mining facilities in Lander County. The Division has been provided with sufficient information, in accordance with Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447, to assure the Division that the groundwater quality will not be degraded by this operation, and that public safety and health will be protected.

The permit will become effective **10 June 2006**. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445A.605 and NAC 445A.407. All requests for appeals must be filed by 5:00 PM, **05 June 2006** on Form 3, with the State Environmental Commission, 333 West Nye Lane, Capitol Complex, Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851. For more information, contact Miles Shaw at (775) 687-9409, toll free in Nevada at (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit the Division website at www.ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm.

No comments were received during the public comment period.